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SUBJECT: Morning Developments

Lebanon/Israel/Syria

President Sarkis today announced the formation of a "National Salvation Board" to help the government deal with the current crisis situation. [REDACTED]

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NESA Comment: Sarkis likely is moving to establish a government of national unity in order to prevent any attempt by Tel Aviv to install an Israeli-fashioned government. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] reports that Syria has suffered over 600 KIA, 200 to 250 tanks destroyed, and approximately 100 MIG-21 and MIG-23 aircraft shot down. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] about 1,500 Iranian troops arrived in Syria on 12 June. The following morning, 400 to 500 of this group reportedly went into Lebanon. [REDACTED] reported the arrival of approximately 1,000 Iranians in Syria, and noted that a total of 30,000 Iranian troops were expected to arrive by 20 June. [REDACTED]

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Falklands

President Galtieri--in a message to Pope John Paul--today said that Argentina is ready to accept an immediate cease-fire followed by a swift and mutual withdrawal of forces. (Reuter)

Working Group Comment: This message represents no change from other public statements, but Galtieri's reiteration of a ceasefire proposal may indicate a growing willingness to end the fighting. With victory in sight, Prime Minister Thatcher is likely to reject any plan that does not provide for a unilateral Argentine withdrawal. [REDACTED]

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The Argentine military announced that the British today resumed their attacks in the vicinity of Mount Tumbledown and Wireless Ridge. [REDACTED]

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